| Year | Amount (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1990-91 | 2641 |
| 1991-92 | 1144 |
| 1992-93 | 377 |
| 1993-94 | 289 |
| 1994-95 | 588 |
| 1995-96 | - |
| 1996-97 | - |
| 1997-98 | 147 |
| 1998-99 | |

(b) and (c) Accordingly, information sent by Bihar State Electricity Board to Central Electricity Authority, out of 67,513 total inhabited villages in Bihar (1991 census), 47,851 villages have been electrified as on 31st August, 1999.

**Disconnection notice by NTPC to Bihar and West Bengal**

1464. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has issued disconnection notice to Bihar and West Bengal for failing to clear their dues;

(b) if so, the details of the dues including surcharges etc. from each State Electricity Board to the NTPC as per the latest information available; and

(c) the reasons for sending notices selectively to Bihar and West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The outstanding dues payable by various State Electricity Boards (SEBs) as on January 31, 2000 are Rs. 12190.11 crores including surcharge of Rs. 4363.73 crores as per details given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) NTPC has been issuing notices for regulation of power supply from time to time to major defaulting SEBs. NTPC has given notices for regulation of power supply to WBSEB, BSEB in the Eastern Region effective from 1.3.2000 which was subsequently deferred to 22.3.2000 based on discussions at the highest level with the Governments of Bihar and West Bengal, and to Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) in Southern Region and Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) in Northern Region effective from 10.3.2000. In case of WBSEB and BSEB, notices were given due to non-fulfillment of commitments given by them in response to regulation notices issued by NTPC for regulation in October, 1999. Also these SEBs have continued to default in payment of NTPC dues, resulting in huge build-up of arrears.

**Statement**

*NTPC Outstanding Dues as on 31.1.2000*

(Rs. in Lacs)

| Super Thermal Power Station/State Electricity Board | Outstanding as on Date | Surcharge Billed | Total Outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal SEB | 83346 | 34230 | 117576 |
| GRIDCO | 48440 | 12780 | 61220 |
| Bihar SEB | 151016 | 66401 | 217417 |
| Sikkim | 1917 | 535 | 2452 |
| Assam SEB | 2691 | 716 | 3407 |
| Damodar Valley Corporation | 25263 | 20681 | 45944 |
| Delhi Vidyut Board | 133153 | 105510 | 238663 |
| Uttar Pradesh PCL | 120120 | 55791 | 175911 |

(Rs. in Lacs)

| Super Thermal Power Station/State Electricity Board | Outstanding as on Date | Surcharge Billed | Total Outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jammu and Kashmir | 17227 | 30539 | 47766 |
| Maharashtra SEB | 28989 | 14718 | 43707 |
| KPTCL | 13547 | 5237 | 18784 |
| Pondicherry | 2362 | 489 | 2851 |
| Tamil Nadu Electricity Board | 20269 | 6822 | 27091 |
| Gujarat Electricity Board | 24891 | 15236 | 40127 |
| APTRANSCO | 21289 | 5389 | 26678 |
| MPEB | 38674 | 26145 | 64819 |
| HVPN | 18878 | 23995 | 42873 |
| Rajasthan SEB | 19451 | 5300 | 24751 |
| Kerala SEB | 8266 | 3354 | 11620 |
| Goa (Southern Region) | 1032 | 106 | 1138 |
| Himachal Pradesh SEB | 1630 | 925 | 2555 |
| Daman and DIU | 144 | 144 | 288 |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 21 | 0 | 21 |
| Punjab SEB | 25 | 1082 | 1107 |
| Goa (Western Region) | 0 | 248 | 248 |
| Union Territory of Chandigarh | -3 | 0 | -3 |
| TOTAL | 782638 | 436373 | 1219011 |

Abbreviations:

SEB: State Electricity Board.

GRIDCO: Grid Corporation of Orissa.

KPTCL: Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited.

APTRANSCO: Andhra Pradesh Trans Company.

MPEB: Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board.

HVPN: Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam.

UPPCL: Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited.

**Setting up of Power Projects in Meghalaya**

1465. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals submitted by private companies and public sectors for setting up of power plants in the State of Meghalaya during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the total power plants established in the State during this period and the total amount of investment envisaged for these projects; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Myntdu (Leska) H.E. Project Stage-I envisaging installation of 2x42 MW in the State of Meghalaya has been techno economically cleared by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) on 20th September, 1999 at an estimated cost of Rs. 363.08 crore including IDC of Rs. 7S.9 crore and financial cost of Rs. 1.82 crore. The project is yet to be cleared by MOEF from environment and forests angle. The completion period of the project is 60 months from the date of investment sanction of Planning Commission.

There is no Hydro/Thermal scheme pending for clearance.